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Hon. Jack Stapleton, Tax Commissioner,
Jefferson City, Mo.

Dear Jack:

Referring to yours of September 30 - I am wondering if at this time it would be possible to set in the talk by the Governor for December 20? We have been running better than 300 attendance all fall - all the hall will hold. The group is quite active, and a public spirited bunch, or they would not fool around with the reserve at all - as you know there is no money in it except the occasional two weeks at camp. All our work through- out the year is a contribution to citizenship, and such a group would particularly like to hear from their governor, especially as he is an ex-service man and Naval Academy graduate.

For your information, I had a little personal fun several weeks back. The occasion was filling the council seat of the late Tod Woodbury. The two Shannon councilmen decided to vote for me, unsolicited on my part, but Bryce Smith had a friend picked out, interviewed the other councilmen separately, and when he had enough, ran the thing through for his friend and choice, Dinwoodie Groves. The vote was 5-2-1. Cooke, ostensibly a Pendegast man, voted for his personal choice, knowing from the caucus that it would make no difference anyway. The two Shannon men voted for me. Smith lined up the old Pendegast men and his new appointees(you find the difference between them if you can) and added his own vote. He now has another vote secured in the council - until about April.

I had a lot of fun, and was not disappointed, as it would have taken a blind man not to have seen what was coming up. Although I am a Democrat, Smith didn't appoint me to the personnel directorship last summer, ostensibly because I came highly recommended by the Forward Committee, being introduced and recommended by J.W. Perry personally. Incidentally, its not the man that fell down there, as the job hasn't yet been filled after five months of vacancy. The newspapers were very nice to me on both occasions, with not one word of criticism.

Being a Democrat, a Reserve Officer, and an Episcopalian, you can appreciate that I am strong for the Governor and would like to be able to introduce him to the Reserve Officer's Association. If you can help get that date set in, I'd certainly appreciate it.

Call on me any time I can do you a favor.

Sincerely,
DeY

[P.S. Jack - Good publicity could be give this talk through the Star (News Editor Reed is a Reserve officer) and the A.P. where one of my Captains holds forth.]